1. Product/Infrastructure Development of Destinations/Circuits

2. Assistance to Large Revenue Generating Projects

3. Information Technology

4. Fairs/Festival and Events

During the financial year 2008-09 Ministry of Tourism, Government of India has sanctioned Rs. 457.60 lakh for Sajnekhali Eco-Tourism complex-cum-destination project in south 24 Paragnas West Bengal, in Sunderban region.

Development of Kurukshetra as a tourist destination

†3609. DR. RAM PRAKASH : Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether any project is under consideration with her Ministry for making the historical city Kurukshetra, Haryana as an attractive tourist destination;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (KUMARI SELJA) : (a) to (c) Development and promotion of tourism is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations. Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned a mega project Integrated Development of Panipat-Kurukshetra-Pinjore Circuit in Haryana in two phases. Phase I was sanctioned in 2006-07 at the total amount of Rs. 1630.03 lakhs out of which Rs. 833.88 lakhs was sanctioned for this mega project. In phase II of this project Rs. 1545.22 lakhs were sanctioned in 2008-09, out of which Rs. 650.31 lakh have been sanctioned for this mega project.

In addition, Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned an Institute of Hotel Management in the 10th Plan in Kurukshetra and has provided central financial assistance of Rs. 1139.02 lakh for the Institute till date.

Development of tourism spots in Haryana

†3610. DR. RAM PRAKASH : Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the number of projects implemented/being implemented by her Ministry to develop the tourism spots in Haryana during last five years and current year;

(b) by when the projects currently underway are likely to be completed; and

(c) the details of projects to be undertaken for the development of tourism in Haryana during current financial year?

THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (KUMARI SELJA) : (a) to (c) Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned 23 projects in Haryana amounting to Rs. 82.77 crore during the last five years and current year as per the enclosed Statement (*See* below). Implementation of the tourism projects is the responsibility of the State Government of Haryana. However, Ministry of Tourism monitors the implementation of the projects through review meetings with the State Government officials and site visits and the State Governments are impressed upon to complete these projects on time.